

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending in the present application. By virtue of this response, claims 15 and 20 have been amended. Accordingly, claims 1-20 are currently under consideration. Amendment and cancellation of certain claims is not to be construed as a dedication to the public of any of the subject matter of the claims as previously presented.

Rejection of Claims Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

Claims 1-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Fujiwara et al (hereinafter "Fujiwara", 6, 064,879).

Claim 1

As previously amended, Claim 1 recites:

A method of registering a user in a wireless access network system, comprising the steps of:

(a) the user establishing an anonymous communication session with the network via wireless user equipment connected to a computer and a predetermined registration software program for communication with a registration server arrangement using a predetermined temporary ID and a predetermined temporary password;

(b) the wireless access network system authenticating the predetermined temporary ID and the predetermined temporary password, and in dependence on authentication establishing a point-to-point protocol link between the user and the registration server arrangement;

(c) the user completing registration with the registration server arrangement using the computer; and

(d) the registration server arrangement passing to the user a permanent ID and a permanent password for use by the user to subsequently access the network system.

In rejecting claim 1, the Examiner cites to Fujiwara and states:

Fujiwara's system is anonymous as the user who purchases the wireless equipment is given a temporary telephone number and ID that is temporarily stored on the phone itself at the time of manufacture (see col. 3 line 60 – col. 4 line 35),

thus Fujiwara teaches a system and method of first registering a user in a wireless access network via an established anonymous session between the user and the network as the temporary ID and password given to the wireless equipment is not based on who the user is, but rather given to the equipment at time of manufacture. [Page 8, Final Office Action dated October 28, 2004 (Paper No. 101204).]

The Examiner incorrectly characterizes the “temporary ID” of Fujiwara as providing anonymity to a user. Fujiwara describes the quite opposite. That is, the temporary ID of Fujiwara specifically identifies a mobile unit. Specifically, Fujiwara describes that:

The CAS 20 extracts an [*sic*] temporary ID and a DN from the unused temporary ID recorder 46 and unused DN recorder 50 (FIG. 7), respectively, and sends the extracted pair to the ROM writer 14 (step e). When the temporary ID and the DN are received, the ROM writer 14 writes them into the mobile unit 12 (step f), and when a write-complete notification is received (step g), notifies the CAS 20 of the write completion (step h). The CAS 20 sends a new ID write request to the CC 32 (step i) and when a response signal is received (step j), the CAS 20 sends to the CC 32 the same DN and temporary ID as the ones sent to the ROM writer 14 (step k), and the CC 32 stores them into the HMS 34. [(Fujiwara, column 6, lines 38–51.)]

Thus in Fujiwara, a temporary ID and DN pair is stored in the HMS and specifically identifies a mobile unit. The initial wireless link between a mobile unit (having a temporary ID and DN pair) and a network is not anonymous, but rather made by a temporary ID and DN pair which specifically identifies the mobile unit that previously was programmed with the unique pair of numbers. Once the network receives the DN, even if the DN is temporary, the network knows with which mobile unit it is communicating. Thus, Fujiwara does not disclose step (a) of “establishing an anonymous communication session” as recited in claim 1.

Thus, reconsideration and allowance of claim 1 are respectfully requested.

Claim 10

Similarly, claim 10 recites “anonymous secure communication session.” As stated above with reference to claim 1, Fujiwara fails to disclose an anonymous communication session. Thus, reconsideration and allowance of claim 10 are respectfully requested.

Claims 11, 17 and 18

Similarly, claims 11, 17 and 18 each recites “anonymous communication session.” As stated above with reference to claim 1, Fujiwara fails to disclose an anonymous communication session. Thus, reconsideration and allowance of claim 11, 17 and 18 are respectfully requested.

Rejection of Claims Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 7, 9, 15-16, and 19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fujiwara et al (hereinafter “Fujiwara”, 6,064,879) in view of Rai et al (hereinafter “Raj”, 6,675,208).

Claims 7, 9, 15-16, and 19 each ultimately depend on independent claims shown to be allowable above. Reconsideration and allowance of these claims are respectfully requested.


CONCLUSION

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue. If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket no. 562492002620. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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